

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 25th November 2012

IRTS Technical Panel

The IRTS is planning to launch a new service for our membership. In our ongoing endeavours to engage more fully with our membership we have identified an area we feel could be of significant benefit to them.

The IRTS Technical Panel is a group of volunteers who have expertise in, or experience of, different aspects of amateur radio. The e-mail address irtstech /at/ irts.ie is a single point of contact for communicating with the Panel. Our aim is to help radio amateurs with technical or operational problems.

Send your question to irtstech /at/ irts.ie. . Provide as much information as possible, including details of attempts already made to deal with the issue in question.

Your query via irtstech /at/ irts.ie will be distributed to all the members of the Technical Panel and the resolution to the query e-mailed to your private e-mail address. See the October edition of Echo Ireland for further information.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group's Christmas get together takes place on Friday the 7th of December in Kilkenny city. The general plan is we intend to meet in Langton's Bar 67 John Street, Kilkenny around 7:30 to 8 o'clock. Langton's is a lively spot with a few different bars in there and a restaurant if anyone wants to get some food. A raffle will be held on the night with top prize of a handheld radio. Check out our website www.searg.com or our Facebook page for more details or directions etc. For anyone who intends coming down and maybe cannot locate us on the night you can contact the club P.R.O Sean EI2HZB on 083-1379764 who will know the whereabouts of the group.

The next monthly meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford at 8.30 p.m. on tomorrow night Monday the 26th November. The meeting will be preceded by a committee meeting at 8.00 pm. New members are always welcome. For up-to-date news about the club you can check our website www.searg.com and you can follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Cork Get Together

Hams in Cork will gather for their Christmas get together at their usual venue, Vienna Woods Hotel, Glanmire on Wednesday December 5th at 2000. Tickets cost €25.00 and should be booked with Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574 or ei4bz /at/ eircom.net Please book early as last time some latecomers could not be accommodated.

Opportunity for Young Ham Radio Operators

Amateur Radio Supplies in Haverhill, Massachusetts, USA have contacted us with news of a fantastic new program to support youth activity on the HF bands. They seek to help a few lucky young hams get on the HF bands and make some contacts! Do you know any deserving young hams? They will be giving away 3 complete HF stations per year in order to support activity on the ham bands. Full details can be found at the following link www.amateurradiosupplies.com/youth-s/222.htm or by contacting Ger McNamara EI4GXB, IRTS Youth Coordinator.

DX News

A rare DXCC entity will be on the bands from 28 November until 9 December. This will be a multi-national group operating from Campbell Island using the callsign ZL9HR. They will be QRV on all bands and the QSL Manager is EB7DX. IRTS members will recall that an earlier DXpedition (signing ZL9CI) to Campbell Island back in January 1999 had our own DXer Declan EI6FR as one of its members.

A large Polish group will activate the west African country of Mauritania from now until 10 December. The callsign to look out for is 5T0SP and the QSL manager is SP6FXV. They will be on 160 – 6m CW, SSB and RTTY.

Retu OH4MDY is returning to Vietnam where he will reactivate his XV2RZ callsign until 10 December. He will operate on 20 – 6m CW and SSB. He requests direct QSLs to his home address in Finland.

Prefix hunters will be interested to hear of a special callsign in use in Morocco until 16 December. To celebrate 'International Tolerance Day' a special event station 5G12ITD is active. QSLs go via RW6HS.

Mike KI4MRH is now active as T6MH from Afghanistan. He expects to be there until October 2013. Activity will be on 80 – 10m and his QSL manager is W2GR.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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